

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Regular Business of the Board
December 14, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
Geauga County Health District Office
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. Richard Lang, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:05 p.m., and stated the meeting was being held to conduct the regular business of the Board.

Board members present: Mr. Richard Lang, Mr. J. David Benenati, Mrs. Nan Burr, and Ms. Melanie Eppich. Dr. Donald Bowers was not present.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner; Michael Tusick, R.S.; Peggy Scherer, Personal Health Services Director; Sandra Gerzeny, Fiscal Coordinator/Registrar; and Alta Kress, Secretary Supervisor.

Others present: No others were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Lang asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Benenati moved that the minutes from the November 13, 2006 meeting be approved. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

IV. Financial Report/Current Expenses

The Board members reviewed the November financial report for all funds. **Mrs. Burr moved to approve the Current Expenses November 7, 2006 to December 11, 2006. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

V. Environmental Health Program Update

Mr. Weisdack indicated that the EH staff are trying their best to get as many lot evaluations done before the end of the year. Some staff are forced to take vacation because they cannot carryover more than 160 hours of vacation. The Board indicated they would forgo that rule if needed to get the inspections done.

Mr. Weisdack stated that he intends to work with the public and allow them to get their paperwork in by the end of December. If all the information is not in they will be given to January 31, 2007 to do so. The homeowners will be required to get the inspection done and get the permit issued by January 31, 2007.

A. MOU for NPDES Permit

Mr. Weisdack reported that he had reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Prosecutor's office. He has also discussed it with several other Health Commissioners in neighboring counties. Many of them are not comfortable with the wording, but feel pressured to sign.

Mr. Weisdack recommended to the Board that they instruct him not to sign the MOU.

Ms. Eppich moved to allow Mr. Weisdack to sign the Memorandum of Understanding in its current form. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion failed with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, no; Mr. Benenati, no; Mrs. Burr, no; and Ms. Eppich, no.

B. Smoke Free Ohio

Smoke Free Ohio is now a law, but no rules have been written. It is of the opinion that these rules will not be finished before May 2007. Mrs. Scherer reported that during a weekly conference call, the State indicated that they wish to expedite the law.

There is a hotline which rings into the State office. They are getting 3000 calls per day.

C. Solid Waste Plan

The Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Plan has been voted on and approved. There will be \$50,000.00 allocated for 5 health districts, however this amount may change. We will have to wait and see how the funds will be divided between those health districts.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

Mrs. Scherer reported that both of the flu clinics went very well. There was a lot of excellent help. She stated that flu shots are still being given at Friday morning clinics and will also be giving shots to teachers and shut-ins. The PHS staff will be contacting some businesses in the area to see if they are interested in getting the flu vaccine. There have been only 1500 flu doses given this year which is half of what was given last year (3000 doses).

The reduction in the amount of flu doses given is not only happening in Geauga County, but other counties as well. Mrs. Scherer stated that she is considering speaking to CVS, Rite Aid and other pharmacies to see if they would like to contract with GCHD to give flu shots. She stated that if we had paid more for the vaccine, we would have gotten it sooner. The distributors of the vaccine shipped to the higher paying customers first. This information will help in planning next year flu clinics.

ODH has collaborated with OSU to provide Public Health Nurse disaster training. This training would be based on what a PHN would actually be responsible for during a disaster. They have come up with a triage program for use in a public health emergency. This training will be available in early 2007 and will be web-based except for 1 day for discussion and networking.

A. WIC

The WIC office had their 1st Annual Christmas party and it was a big success. There were activities, crafts and nutritional snacks for the children. The WIC office used this event as outreach.

The Federated Life Church in Bainbridge will be tripling the rent for the WIC space. The WIC staff will be trying to renegotiate the price, but will also be looking for other locations. One area that is being considered is in the Chagrin Falls Park area.

B. Health Education

Another safety seat class was held recently. Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital came out and fit safety seats in 8 client's vehicles and provided instruction on how to safely install the seats.

There will be another taskforce meeting to discuss the health and wellness of the community regarding obesity. The health district and several other departments will be in attendance. The Geauga County YMCA and the Geauga Park District are collaborating on a wellness challenge for all of Geauga County.

VII. Old Business

A. Sewage Regulations

Mr. Tusick reviewed section 3701-29-13 of the new sewage code. Section 13 is about what Boards of Health will allow under what circumstances for systems being installed. Any systems to be installed in a seasonal water table less than 12" will require a Board of Health variance. Mr. Tusick stated that a blanket variance will likely be brought to the Board to allow installations in a seasonal water table less than 8".

When the new rules go into effect on January 1, 2007, there will actually be 3 sets of standards. The systems with permits issued before January 1 will fall totally under the old rules. Previously approved lots that have permits issued after January 1 will be issued under the old rules but will have to comply with conditions of the new rules. Lots without any approvals until after January 1 will fall totally under the new rules. This will be very challenging to keep track of.

Mr. Weisdack stated that Ms. Bridey Matheney, Assistant Prosecutor suggested that we make our additions to the sewage rules in the form of resolutions.

B. Proposed Sewage Fees (3rd and Final Reading)

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-1 to approve the 3rd and final reading of the proposed fees for the Household Sewage Treatment System program. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

VIII. Executive Session

Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr.

Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes. Meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

IX. New Business

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-2 to adopt Resolution 1-2006 regarding the registration of Soils Professionals. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-3 to adopt Resolution 2-2006 regarding Off-lot Inspection program. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-4 to adopt Resolution 3-2006 regarding the For Sale of Property program. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mr. Benenati moved 12.06-5 to adopt Resolution 4-2006 regarding the Lot Evaluation Waiver. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-6 to adopt Resolution 6-2006 regarding the Registration of Sewage System Designers. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-7 to adopt the revised Water Well Contamination Map for Chester Twp. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-8 to approve the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the Public Health Emergency fund to 999.TT3 Transfer In for start funding for the Sewage Treatment System budget. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mr. Benenati moved 12.06-9 to approve the Sewage Treatment System budget as presented. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-10 to approve the revised Board of Health budget as presented. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-11 to approve the transfer of \$40.00 from 03-G to 01-G-M and \$60.00 from 09-NN to 04-NN-M for final Medicare payment. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-12 to approve the final budget revision for the 2006 IAP grant as presented. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-13 to approve the contract with Geauga County Department on Aging to provide nursing services to senior centers within the county. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-14 to approve the payment for publication of legal notices in an amount not to exceed \$2,200.00. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.06-15 to approve the purchase of two laptop computers at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

X. Other Business

There was no other business.

XI. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, December 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room at 470 Center Street, Building 8, in Chardon, Ohio.

XII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Weisdack, RS, MA, MPH
Secretary of the Board

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